# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5143
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HARMFUL CONTENTS IN TOOTH POWDER EATABLES
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "4 Cigarette jitnee nicotine paaee gayee 1 gram dant manjan mein" as reported in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated January 21, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding mixing of harmful contents in toffees and chocolates;and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir.However,the Government has issued a notification GSR No.444(E),dated 30.4.1992 prohibiting manufacture and sale of ayurvedic drugs licensed as toothpaste, toothpowders containing tobacco.

(c) & (d) No such complaint has been received in respect of harmful content in toffees and chocolates.The standards of toffees and chocolates are prescribed under the PFA Rules, 1955. These Rules also provide that tobacco and Nicotine shall not be used as an ingredient in any food products.Violation of provisions of PFA Rules, 1955 attracts penal action under PFA Act, 1954.